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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: AA/ANE, Carol Adelman

SUBJECT: Visit by Delegation from Afghan Interim Government

Purpose and Participants:

You are scheduled to meet with a delegation from the Afghan Interim Government (AIG) on Monday, October 30, 1989, at 5:00 pm in your office.

The meeting will serve as an opportunity for you to become acquainted with a Ministerial level delegation that the AIG has sent to the United States.

The delegation is headed by Dr. Farouq Azam, the Minister of Education of the AIG. Dr. Azam oversees 2,000 schools in liberated areas of Afghanistan. He speaks English well and comes from the moderate wing of the Resistance. Other members include: Mohammad Yasir, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister; Dr. Hashmatullah Mojadeddi, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; and Sulaiman Shah, Ministry of Information. (See Tab A biodata.)

Background:

The AIG delegation was in New York to promote the Afghan Resistance at the United Nations. In addition to their lobbying efforts in New York, the delegation is travelling to Washington for meetings with U.S. Government officials and members of Congress. The AIG is the political arm of the Afghan Resistance. We view it as a key element in achieving our goal of seeing the establishment in Kabul of a government that is acceptable to the Afghan people. This is the first AIG delegation to visit the United States since the AIG was founded with USG encouragement in February 1989. Previous delegations headed by the spokesman of the Alliance of the seven parties which now make up the AIG have been received by the President. The present group is at a lower level, but has a more official character.

The present group is expected to meet with the Vice President, Secretary Baker, Under Secretary Kimmitt, Assistant Secretary Kelly, Assistant Secretary Bolton, and other officials in the Department of State. It is expected that Senators Humphrey and Byrd will host them on the Hill.

Issues and Talking Points:

I understand that considerable effort has recently been made to expand the AIG to include representatives of all the Afghan people. (See Tab B brief regarding A.I.D. policy on the AIG.)

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- o Could you comment on this process?
- o How do you see the AIG evolving?

Democratic-Pluralism Initiatives:

We would like to assist the Afghans in the "growth of their society."

- o What is the status of the proposed elections?
- o Do you see a possible role for the western and Islamic nations in this process, providing assistance is neutral and low-key?

Education:

Mr. Minister, as you know, since 1985, A.I.D. has provided over \$17 million for a cross-border education project that coordinates with your Education Committee in the designing of textbooks and funding of primary schools and teachers inside Afghanistan.

- o Could you comment on the progress of the project and your plans for education over the short term and once Afghanistan is free? How can we work with you to achieve your goals?

Agriculture:

Mr. Vice Minister, I understand that as of late you and your colleagues have made considerable progress in start-up activities for the Ministry. I also understand that A.I.D. has agreed to provide the Ministry about \$50,000 for logistical support.

- o What are your priorities in agriculture? What do you expect to be doing over the next year and beyond?
- o Do you plan to move agriculture equipment into Afghanistan using the private sector?

See Tab C and D for data and briefs regarding the A.I.D. cross-border program.

Attachments:

Bio Data (Tab A)

Brief on A.I.D.'s Policy Regarding AIG (Tab B)

Program Data Sheet (Tab C)

Cross-Border Humanitarian Assistance Program Briefs (Tab D)

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